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For: ADJUSTABLE COUPLING  
MECHANISM FOR THE CONDUIT  
ON A VENTRICULAR ASSIST

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated December 13, 2004, having a three-month shortened statutory response period and for which one (1) additional month has been petitioned, please amend the above identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the claim summary which begins on page two of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page six of this paper.